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# COSCO SHIPPING/PIL/WHL VESSEL SHARING AND SLOT CHARTER AGREEMENT

A SPACE CHARTER AND COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT

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#### 1. Parties

The parties to this Agreement are

COSCO Shipping Lines Co. Ltd. ("COSCO SHIPPING") 378 Dong Da Ming Road Shanghai, People's Republic of China 200080

Pacific International Lines (PTE) Ltd. ("PIL") 140, Cecil Street, #03-00, PIL Building Singapore 069540

Wan Hai Lines Ltd. ("WHLL") 10th Floor 136 Sung Chiang Road Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C. ZIP: 104

Wan Hai Lines (Singapore) PTE Ltd. ("WHS") 10 Hoe Chiang Road #25-01 Keppel Towers Singapore 089315 79 Anson Road, #10-01 Singapore 079906

(WHLL and WHS will operate as a single party for purposes of this Agreement, and will be referred to herein as "WHL")

#### 2. Definitions:

"Agreement" means this COSCO SHIPPING/PIL/WHL VESSEL SHARING

AND SLOT CHARTER AGREEMENT.

"Party" means PIL, WHL or COSCO SHIPPING individually, and

collectively as the "Parties".

"Container(s)" means any ISO standard container(s) with a maximum

height of 96" including any reefer and/or other special containers, provided they meet ISO standards. For the purpose of this Agreement, one FEU shall be equal to 2

TEUsTEU.

"Vessel(s)" means a purpose built containership maintained in service

by PIL, WHL or COSCO SHIPPING, or the containership of another carrier which PIL, WHL or COSCO SHIPPING is

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entitled to use and sub-charter pursuant to a space charter or similar agreement.

"Slot"

means the space occupied by 1 x 20" x 8" x 8'6" or 1 x 20' x 8' x 9'6" ISO container for the predetermined maximum average gross weight.

"The Loading Party"

means the Party on whose vessels (owned and/or

operated) the containers are loaded.

"The Shipping Party"

means a Party who is shipping containers on another

Party's vessels.

"The Ship Provider"

means the Party providing and operating a vessel or providing space under the terms of this Agreement.

# 3. Undertaking and Purpose

Subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, PIL, WHL and COSCO SHIPPING undertake to operate shared services and to allow each other to charter Slots on their Vessels for the carriage of Containers of the volume and on the terms hereinafter described.

Each Party undertakes to meet its commitment and pay any excess slot capacity to be chartered by it as hereunder described.

#### VESSEL SHARING COOPERATION

Initially, the Parties will operate two shared services as follows:

- a. The Parties will operate a shared service known as the ACS/AAC3/CP2+ CI1/CIS (pendulum service)-
  - The initial port rotation will be: <u>Shanghai-Ningbo-Long Beach-Seattle-</u>Lianyungang-Shanghai-Ningbo-<u>Shekou-Nansha-Singapore-Port Kelang-Nhava Sheva-Karachi-Colombo-Singapore-Laem Chabang-Shanghai
     Long Beach-Seattle Lianyungang.
    </u>
  - ii. The service will be initially operated with six-twelve vessels in the size range of approximately 8000 to approximately 10000 TEU at 10MT per TEU (ACS/AAC3/CP2) and approximately 69000 to approximately 811000 TEU at 13MT per TEU (Cl1/CIS), to be provided by COSCO SHIPPING. (3), PIL (2), and WHL (1).—Should a Party deploy a vessel above/below the agreed declared capacity, then, unless otherwise unanimously agreed: (a) the over/under provision shall be for that

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Party's merit/demerit; and (b) any resulting operational constraints in operating such vessel shall be borne by that Party alone.

- iii. The initial voyage is expected to be on or around April 30 December 6, 2019 (ex Lianyungang Shanghai).
- b. The Parties will operate a shared service known as the SEA/CP1/AC5.
  - i. The initial port rotation will be: <u>Cai Mep-</u>Haiphong-Nansha-Hong Kong-Yantian--Long Beach-<del>Oakland</del>--Yantian-<u>Cai Mep-Haiphong</u>.
  - ii. The service will be initially operated with seven vessels in the size range of approximately 9,000 10,000 to approximately 11,00010,500 TEUsTEU, at 10MT per TEU. to be provided by COSCO SHIPPING (2), and by PIL (32), WHL (32), and PIL/WHL jointly.-(1) (each will operate a vessel for a certain number of voyages). Should a Party deploy a vessel above/below the agreed declared capacity, then, unless otherwise unanimously agreed: (a) the over/under provision shall be for that Party's merit/demerit; and (b) any resulting operational constraints in operating such vessel shall be borne by that Party alone.
  - iii. The initial voyage is expected to be on or around April 30 December 3, 2019 (ex Haiphong).

The Parties are authorized to engage in the following activities, to the extent permitted by the applicable law of the relevant jurisdictions within the scope of this Agreement, and subject to any applicable filing requirements:

(a) Consult and agree upon the type, capacity, speed, and total number of vessels to be used, the type, capacity, speed, and number of vessels to be contributed by each Party, including changes in the number of vessels provided by any Party, and substitution of vessels and the terms, conditions and operational details pertaining thereto. COSCO SHIPPING/PIL/WHL VESSEL SHARING
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- (b) Consult and agree upon the sailing patterns, ports to be called, port rotation, vessel itineraries, schedules, the number, frequency, and character of sailings at ports, transit times, adjustment of the speed of vessels (including slow steaming of vessels), on-time performance criteria and consequences for a Party failing to adhere to the established schedule and/or to load cargo in accordance with its obligations hereunder, and all other aspects of the structure, scheduling and coordination of vessels and services operated hereunder.
- (c) Consult and agree upon the allocation of space, on such terms as they may agree from time to time.
- (d) Consult and agree upon terms and conditions, including advance notice, with respect to a Party's withdrawal of a vessel(s) or introduction of additional, substitute, or replacement vessels in the Trade and the characteristics (including but not limited to size, capacity, speed, configuration, delivery date) of such vessels.
- (e) Consult, agree upon, negotiate and contract (individually and/or jointly, including any two of the Parties) for the chartering, hiring, establishment, use, scheduling, coordination and/or operation of transshipment, barge and/or feeder services in conjunction with linehaul vessel operations hereunder.
- (f) Consult and agree on vessel maintenance and repair matters, drydocking schedules, and the provision of temporary replacement or substitute tonnage.

The Parties may make changes to the foregoing without further amendment, including change of service names, except that: (i) changes to the total number of vessels in a shared service are authorized without amendment only within a range of four to nine; and (ii) changes to the size range of vessels in the shared service are authorized without amendment only up to 50 percent (higher or lower).

# SLOT EXCHANGE

The Parties are authorized to exchange space between the shared services -described above and space on vessels operated by a Party or on which a Party has space.

Initially, the Parties will provide space to one another as follows, all on a used/unused basis:

a. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide PIL each week (at 10 MT per TEU) with 444 TEUs (on the CV2 and CT2 services (Far East to/from South East Asia),+53 TEUsTEU from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW1 service, 100550

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup>Inclusion of non-U.S. trades in this Agreement does not bring such trades within the scope of the U.S. Shipping Act or the FMC's jurisdiction.

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TEUsTEU from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW2 service, and 200 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance MEA5 service (Far East to/from the Middle East). PIL shall in exchange provide COSCO SHIPPING with 703 550 TEUsTEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from PIL's allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2-SEA/CP1/AC5

- b. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide WHL with 72 TEUs (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW1 service and 325 TEUsTEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW2 service. WHL shall in exchange provide COSCO SHIPPING with 397-325 TEUsTEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from WHL's allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2.
- c. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide PIL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 312-473 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW3 service, 300 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance MEA5 service, 189 TEUs on the CV2 and CT2 services, 450 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW2 service and 420-TEU from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW1 service. PIL in exchange shall provide COSCO Shipping with 1632-473 TEUsTEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from PIL's allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.
- d. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide WHL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 1429-452 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance MEA5 service, 238 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW3 service, and 380 TEUs from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW1 service. WHL in exchange shall provide COSCO Shipping with 2047-282 TEUsTEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from WHL's allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2 and 170 TEU from its allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.
- e. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide PIL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 312 TEU from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW3 service. PIL in exchange shall provide COSCO Shipping with 312 TEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from PIL's allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.
- f. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide WHL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 238 TEU from its space on the Ocean Alliance PSW3 service. WHL in exchange shall provide COSCO Shipping with 238 TEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from WHL's allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.
- g. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide WHL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 1429 TEU from its space on the Ocean Alliance MEA5 service (Far East/Middle East).<sup>2</sup> WHL in exchange shall provide COSCO SHIPPING with 1387 TEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from WHL's allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.

<sup>2</sup> Inclusion of non-U.S. trades in this Agreement does not bring such trades within the scope of the U.S. Shipping Act or the FMC's jurisdiction.

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- h. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide PIL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 282 TEU from its allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2. PIL in exchange shall provide COSCO SHIPPING with 94 TEU (at 14MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from the WAX2/SWS service (Far East/West Africa).
- i. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide PIL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 2248 TEU from its allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2. PIL in exchange shall provide COSCO SHIPPING with 1926 TEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from its allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.
- j. COSCO SHIPPING shall provide WHL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 1677 TEU from its allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2. WHL in exchange shall provide COSCO SHIPPING with 1437 TEU (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from its allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5.
- d. PIL shall provide WHL each week (EB and WB, at 10 MT per TEU) with 200 TEUs from PIL's allocation on the SEA/CP1/AC5. WHL shall in exchange provide PIL with 200 TEUs (at 10 MT per TEU) each week (EB and WB) from WHL's allocation on the ACS/AAC3/CP2.

The Parties may discuss and agree on sub-allocations within the basic slot exchange above, including for reefer plugs and hi-cube containers. The above service names may be changed and the number of slots to be -exchanged in any of the above exchanges may be increased or decreased up to one hundred percent, without amendment of this Agreement. The Parties may from time-to-time discuss and agree upon limitations on the availability and number of slots that may be loaded at particular ports or used between particular port pairs, as well as the Parties' respective responsibilities when port calls are omitted. The Parties may agree on any particular voyage to exchange, sell, or charter additional slots on an ad hoc basis.

# Scope of the Agreement

This Agreement shall cover the eastbound and westbound transportation of cargo between (i) ports in China (including Hong Kong), Singapore and Vietnam and (ii) ports in China, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, on the one hand, and (iii) the United States West Coast on the other hand, except that there shall be no cooperation in the export trades from the United States to Singapore or Sri Lanka. The foregoing geographic scope is hereinafter referred to as "the Trade".

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#### 5. Containers and Cargo

A Shipping Party will be allowed to ship only dry-cargo Containers, reefers and empty Containers meeting the definition mentioned in Clause 2 hereof. Loaded Containers shall be in a seaworthy condition, containing lawful merchandise of any kind; including IMO cargo, properly packed and secured. Containers not meeting the above criteria may be refused for carriage. The Parties may also discuss and agree on the carriage of breakbulk, noncontainerized, and hazardous cargo, subject to the concurrence of the Loading Party.

Notwithstanding the above, explosives and radioactive material shall not be accepted by the Loading Party.

# 6. Schedules

Each Party shall be allowed to utilize Slots available on each other's service and Vessels according their respective schedules and service arrangements.

In the event that there is a permanent change to the schedule, ports of call, rotation and/or Vessels in any of the Ocean Alliance services involved in this Agreement, COSCO SHIPPING shall give the other Parties sixty (60) days' written notice of such change (ninety (90) days for a significant change). Each other Party has in such case: (i), if the change in service is significant, the rights provided by Article 12(b); or (ii), if the change in service is not significant, the right to revise its Slot commitment in accordance with allocation/performance within the affected ports.

# 7. Term of the Agreement

a) Amendment 0043 to this Agreement shall commence on the later of (i) the date it becomes effective under the U.S. Shipping Act of 1984, as amended, and (ii) the date of first loading port of the first voyage (the "Effective Date"). Both the vessel sharing cooperation and the slot exchange will be effective until 30th/April, 2020, subject to automatic renewal for another 12-month period, unless terminated as specified below.

This Agreement, or just the slot exchange, may be terminated by any Party upon a minimum of three (3) months' prior written notice, to be given no earlier than three (3) months prior to any expiry dates. This Agreement, or just the slot exchange, may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.

- b) If a Party commits any one of the following situations, any other Party has the right, by giving written notice, to terminate this Agreement immediately without prejudice to any already accrued rights and obligations.
  - a) Commencement of dissolution procedure;
  - b) Filing of bankruptcy or insolvency procedure; or
  - c) Making a general assignment for composition with its creditors.
- c) Notwithstanding Article 7a, this Agreement shall continue in force to the extent that each Vessel should complete its cargo discharge at the last port of her final voyage which commenced prior to the respective termination.

#### 8. Booking Procedure

The Parties will book their requirements with each other's booking centers as may be designated from time to time. In all instances delivery closing dates, booking and documentation procedures of the Loading Party shall be adhered to.

#### 9. Delivery of Containers and Terminal Operations

- a. The shipments of Containers under this Agreement shall be done under FIO terms. Delivery of the Containers and acceptance thereof shall be when the Containers are loaded on board and redelivery shall be effected and accepted once discharge operation of each Container commences.
- b. For operations under the vessel-sharing cooperation, the Parties may discuss and agree upon the terminal(s) to be called by the Vessels operated hereunder as well as the stevedore(s) that will service such Vessels, and/or the volume of cargo to be handled by such terminals or stevedores. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Parties are authorized to discuss, exchange information, and/or coordinate negotiations with marine terminal operators or stevedores relating to operational matters such as port schedules and berthing windows; availability of port facilities, equipment and services; contract duration; adequacy of throughput; and the procedures if the interchange of operational data in a legally compliant manner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties shall have no authority to jointly contract with terminals or stevedores under this Agreement.
- c. For operations under the slot exchange, the Parties recognize that, as to the Ocean Alliance services involved in this Agreement, terminals and other landside services are decided pursuant to the Ocean Alliance Agreement (FMC No. 012426). The Parties may, however, discuss matters relating to such terminals, subject to decision by the Ocean Alliance.
- d. For operations under both the vessel-sharing cooperation and the slot exchange, each Party shall be directly responsible for all payments relating to its Containers to the stevedores, terminals and the port, if any, including royalties and assessments in USA ports, and they shall be independently debited for all such operations, and shall settle all payments independently and separately, unless otherwise unanimously agreed from time to time if not feasible.

# 10. Slot Costs

The Parties shall agree on the amounts they shall charge one another for the carriage of loaded and empty Containers hereunder, and may adjust said amounts as they may agree from time to time. The Parties shall also agree on the terms on which such amounts shall be paid to one another.

#### 11. Documentation and Liability

(a) The Parties shall agree on the terms of issuance of documentation for cargo moving hereunder, the terms and conditions contained in that documentation and the procedures to be followed with respect to the issuance and processing of such documentation. The Parties are also

authorized to agree on their respective liabilities with respect to damage to cargo (including general average) and/or equipment and the procedure to be followed in handling claims for such damages.

(b) Each Party shall be responsible for insurance for its Vessels.

#### 12. Force Majeure and Termination of Agreement

- (a) If circumstances arise, such as war or warlike activities, civil commotion, riots, invasion, rebellion, hostilities, governmental and/or national regulations, boycott against one flag or a political ban against any party, strikes, restraints of Princes and Rulers or any other cause of a like nature the consequences of which have not been or could not have been considered and which are of a nature considerably influencing the terms of the Agreement, the Parties will, as far as possible, advise each other within 48 hours of such new circumstances and adapt the terms of this Agreement to the changed circumstances as far as possible.
- (b) In the event that any of the Ocean Alliance services involved in this Agreement is terminated or its route, scheduling or materially altered, COSCO SHIPPING shall give ninety (90) days' prior notice to this effect (or as much prior notice less than 90 days as consistent with the decisions of the Ocean Alliance) and either PIL or WHL may by written notice terminate the Agreement, or just the slot exchange, as of the expiry of the COSCO SHIPPING notice. No Party shall have any claim against each another with regard to or in connection with such termination.

# 13. Applicable Law and Arbitration

- (a) This Agreement and any matter or dispute under or in connection with this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the Laws of England then in force.
- (b) Any dispute, claim or difference arising out of or in connection with this Agreement that cannot be resolved amicably shall be settled by arbitration in London in accordance with the Laws of England and the Arbitration Act of 1979 or any statutory modification or reenactment thereof then in force.

Unless the Parties in the dispute agree on the appointment of a single arbitrator, the matter in dispute shall be referred to the decision of two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Party(ies) complaining and the other by the Party(ies) complained against, with the power to such arbitrators to choose an umpire. If the arbitrators cannot agree upon the umpire within four (4) weeks after their appointment, the umpire shall be nominated by the Chairman of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association unless otherwise agreed between all parties to the arbitration.

If either the Party(ies) complaining or the Party(ies) complained against fails to appoint an arbitrator within twenty-one (21) days after the other has given written notice of the appointment of its arbitrator, then the arbitrator appointed by such other Party(ies) shall act as sole arbitrator.

The arbitrator(s) or umpire shall give his (their) decision in writing with utmost dispatch. The award given by the arbitrator(s) or umpire shall be final and binding upon all parties concerned.

(c) For disputes the sum of which does not exceed the amount of USD100,000.00 any Party shall be entitled to proceed by arbitration to be held in London according to the London Maritime Association Small Claims Procedures.

The Parties shall keep confidential all litigation proceedings and awards made, together with all materials in the proceedings created for the purpose of the mediation, and all other documents produced by another Party in the proceedings not otherwise in the public domain, excepting disclosure to the extent required of a Party by law or to enforce or challenge an award in legal proceedings before a court or other tribunal with jurisdiction.

#### 14. Notices

(a) All legal process, notices or other formal communications required by or in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by letter, or email/fax confirmed by letter as appropriate, or such other means as may be agreed, and addressed to the other Party at their official company address as follows:

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Pacific International Lines (PTE) Ltd. 140, Cecil Street, #03-00, PIL Building Singapore 069540

Wan Hai Lines Ltd. 10th Floor 136 Sung Chiang Road Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C. ZIP: 104

Wan Hai Lines (Singapore) PTE Ltd. 10 Hoe Chiang Road #25-01 Keppel Towers Singapore 089315 79 Anson Road, #10-01 Singapore 079906

(b) Any such notices, legal processes or other formal communications shall be deemed to have reached the person to whom it is addressed 48 hours after posting or when dispatched.

#### 15. Non-Assignment

No Party shall assign its rights, including its rights to utilize the Container Slots, or delegate its duties this Agreement to any person or entity other than a Party without the prior written consent of the other Parties. Notwithstanding the above, each of the Parties may on written notice to the other Parties assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement to a fully-owned subsidiary that is a vessel-operating ocean carrier within the meaning of the U.S. Shipping Act, only for so long as the subsidiary maintains the required status; provided that in the event of such an assignment the Party to this Agreement shall remain responsible for the due and punctual performance to this Agreement by such a subsidiary.

#### 16. Amendment and Embodiment

This Agreement may not be amended, modified or rescinded except in writing and duly signed by authorized signatories of the Parties, and any amendment, addendum or appendix so signed shall constitute a part of this Agreement.

# 17. Further Agreements

The Parties are authorized to enter into further agreements with respect to routine operational and administrative matters to the extent necessary or desirable to implement the general provisions contained in this Agreement (including, but not limited to, those set forth in Clauses 11 and 12 hereof) without further amendment to this Agreement. Any further agreement contemplated by this Agreement, except to the extent such further agreement relates to routine operational and administrative matters, shall be filed with the FMC and become effective under the Shipping Act of 1984 prior to being implemented.

# 18. Agreement Officials and Delegations of Authority

The following are authorized to subscribe to and file this Agreement and any accompanying materials and any subsequent modifications to this Agreement with the Federal Maritime Commission:

- (i) Any authorized officer of each of the Parties; and
- (ii) Legal counsel for each of the Parties.

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# SIGNATURE PAGE

| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have agreed to this Agreement this  |
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| $\underline{20th}$ day of $\underline{March}\underline{November}$ , 2019, and to file same with the U.S. Federal Maritime |
| Commission.   |
| COSCO SHIPPING LINES CO. LTD.   |
| By:   |
| PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LINES (PTE) LTD.  |
| Ву:   |
| WAN HAI LINES LTD.  |
| Ву:   |
| WAN HAI LINES (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD.  |